THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of acute scarcity of resources, it is not possible to start this train at present.

Vikhroli terminal

881. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of construction of Vikhroli terminal; and

(b) when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A comprehensive study recently conducted by M|s Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) has indicated that Vikhroli is not a suitable site for providing an additional passenger terminal in Bombay area to serve the needs of Western and Central Railways Instead, provision of two separate passenger terminals, one for Central Railways and the other for Western Railways has been recommended. These recommendations have been accepted.

Pay revision for teachers in Central Universities and schools in Union Territories

882. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government propose to affect suitable pay revisions for the teachers employed in Central Universities and in the schools of the Union Territories in view of the pay revisions being effected for the employees of Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): Yes, Sir. The UGC had appointed a Committee to recommend the revision of pay scales of teachers in Universities and Colleges. The report of this Committee is presently under the consideration of an Empowered Committee appointed by the Government. The recommendations made by the National Commission on Teachers, which also cover the pay scales of teachers in Schools *vis-a-vis* those recommended by the Fourth Central Pay Commission, are also under examination of a separate Empowered Committee appointed by the Government

Rise in number of leprosy patients

883. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the rise in the number of patients of leprosy in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to formulate an integrated approach to curb this disease; and

(c) how much of funds were allocated for this purpose during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no increase in the number of leprosy cases in the country during the last three years.

(b) Integrated approach is being followed in the National Leprosy Eradication Programme implementation in the low endemic areas. In the High endemic areas it is implemented as a vertical programme due to heavy case load. In these areas also it will be taken up for integration with Primary Health care services when the prevalance falls appreciably.